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INSIDE

For 18 years the first Saturday of December turns into a heartwarming experience on what can be a cold day.

For three hours crews of collectors spread out from the Fenwick Lions hall in Centennial Park and the Fonthill Lions hall on Regional Rd. 20 in Fonthill. They pick up tonnes of food from door steps and driveways in the urban areas of Fonthill and Fenwick. The food is given to Pelham Cares.





III FIRE PREVENTION MESSAGES



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo Fonthill Beaver Aiden Ellsworth, 4, wears the boots and bunker coat of a firefighter as he takes a determined stance to aim a fire hose at a mini fire house. Assisting him is Fonthill volunteer firefighter Bryan

BALL'S FALLS

Craft show fills fields

MARK TAYTI Tribune Staff

LINCOLN - The natural beauty of Ball's Falls can draw the work weary in at any time of the year. Add some fall colours, shopping

opportunities and something for the kids to do and the conservation area transforms into a Thanksgiving wonderland

So it was on the weekend when thousands of people travelled in from the Golden Horseshoe and beyond to participate in the 35th annual Ball's Falls Thanksgiving Festival.

Ball's Falls Conservation Area curator and festival convener Christine Hayward was all smiles under sunny skies Saturday afternoon as people began showing up en mass to experience a Thanksgiving extravaganza that serves as the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority's major fundraiser of the year.

Hayward expected to see about 20,000 paid visitors over the four-day

event Rain on Friday kept crowds down, but the good weather that followed helped organizers catch up with the numbers

More than 100 festival exhibitors tempted visitors with everything from fine art to homespun crafts.

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EVERY SATURDAY

Page during a Fire Prevention Week open house at Pelham Fire Station No. 1 in Fonthill.





upfront

REGION: Conversation on poverty

Transportation and housing key issues

WAYNE CAMPBELL PelhamNEWS Staff

You can't get there from here.

Noving around Pelham and the region was a difficulty touched on by about 25 mostly senior women in a conversation on poverty at 45 Pelham Town Square last

week.
Representatives of Pelham Cares and the region's Niagara Prosperity Initiative sat down with the regular Wednesday coffee club at the region's co-operative apartment building to discuss what's going right and

what isn't in Pelham.

Pelham Cares drew praise for its transportation service, which provides rides to

medical appointments.

However, trips for socializing or shopping are not part of its service.

Pelham Cares president Gail Hilyer confirmed transportation is a difficulty for seniors who don't have family members to

drive and for people without cars to reach jobs. Housing cost is also a difficulty, she said. "Living in Pelham is not cheap even if it

is a nice place to live," said Hilyer suggesting a need for lower-income housing. Poverty in Pelham is not age-specific, she said. It primarily involves low-income working families and some seniors.

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Rev. Diane Walker of Pelham Community
Church said poverty is hidden in Pelham.

"it's not like Queenston St. in St. Catharines," she said.

People can't get around the town to

access programs they may need, she said.
The church on Canboro Rd. in Ridgeville
put on a program, using its kitchen, to
teach people how to preserve fruit to

reduce food costs.

"But how many people can walk to the church?" asked Walker. Similarly, she asked



Members of 45 Pelham Town Square's coffee club make a toast following a conversation about poverty in Pelham Wednesday. The meeting with Pelham Cares and the Niagara Prosperity Ini-

tiatives representatives was one of a series of conversations being held around the region.

how many people can walk from Fenwick to Fonthill to access programs. For housing, Fenwick needs a social

housing complex like 45 Pelham Town Square, she said. "This place has a huge waiting list." Mayor Dave Augustyn asked the coffee break group why more didn't use the bus

break group why more didn't use the bus system the town set up with Welland Transit for a year. The loop from Niagara College through Fonthill stopped running Sent 1

The town spent \$60,000 and only attracted 10 riders a day, he said.
One of the seniors said it ran too early at 7 a.m. long before anything was open.

Another said it took you to Niagara College "but how do you go from there.

"I thought I'd find myself in the middle of nowhere," she said. Hilyer said getting people to medical appointments is a problem that will only

Hilyer said getting people to medical appointments is a problem that will only grow larger.

Family doctors, she said, tend to send people 'here, there and everywhere' for tests and to see specialists. The construction of the new St. Catharines hospital' at a site a long way away" will add to the stress. The conversation on poverty is part the Niagara Prosperity Initiative intended to reduce poverty to increase prosperity explaint all Kick Merrit of the Business Edu-

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cation Council.

Transportation and housing have been recurring themes in conversations the group bas had around the region, he said

after the meeting.

Access to activities for young people from low-income neighbourhoods is another one that has come up, although it

didn't at the Pelham meeting.

For example, he said agencies such as the YMCA and Big Brothers and Big Sisters set up programs at new their buildings that are now outside from the low-income

neighbourhoods.

The Business Education Council of Niagara is directing the anti-poverty program

for Niagara Region.
It grew out of a report, A Legacy of Poverty Living in Niagara, and is part of a regional goal to reduce poverty by 25% in

five years.

Early this year, the region spent \$1.7 million on 34 projects delivered by 20 agencies at the neighbourhood level across Niagara.

One involved a \$14,000 grant to Pelham Cares to purchase fresh food to supplement nonperishable food available at its

food bank.

Hilyer said it was the first time she received a grant double the size of what her

agency applied for.

It was to be used to buy fresh fruit and
vegetables at the Thursday evening Pelham
Farmers Market for distribution by the food
bank on Fridays. It would also provide
vouchers for buving produce at supermar-

"Thanks to the generosity of the farmers market vendors, we're having trouble spending your money," Hilyer told the regional representatives with a smile.

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tempo



Fun and learning for youngsters at the Pelham fire







Jaelyn Best, 21/2. of Ferwick tests the steering wheel of a fire truck during open house at Pelham Fire Station No. 3 on Sixteen Rd.



Pheannon Lockey, wearing a child's version learns how to use a fire hose with help from firefighter Joe Kita, a member of the Short tion, at Pelham Fire Station No. 3 on Sixteen Rd They are aiming at a small fire

Cyndi Ludovici with daughters Sophia, 4, and Alexiah, 18 months, tour Pelham Fire Station No. 1 in Fonthill





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perspective



hen Pelham town council V prepares its budget for next year it will face more than the usual

uncertainty The town has been fortunate in receiving federal and provincial fund-

The upper levels of government are fighting the so-called Great Recession with a great deal of money for construction. The town can speed up reconstruction of Haist St. It can move

up revitalization of downtown Fontwith an upgrading of Pelham St. It has money to overhaul nine play-grounds and it can start work on a

new Fenwick fire hall. But all this federal and provincial money means one-third of the cost bas to come from the town's pocket. It will use money tucked away in

reserve funds faster than expected. It could slow down other projects. Town staff and councillors will have to figure out over the next few weeks how to balance commitments made in the flurry of upper level funding with the day-to-day needs of the

Ward 3 Coun. John Durley made a good point a couple of months ago. When the federal and provincial governments are handing out money, grab it while you can. The generosity

won't last long, be said. Prime Minister Stephen Harper when he was at Niagara College last week was asked about possible tax increases to bring down the federal deficit created by the recession-fight-

ing handouts and bailouts. He rejected a tax increase but suggested a tighter grip on spending. In other words, less for roads sewers, waterlines, sidewalks, fire balls in the future

So municipal projects of the future will fall back on the local taxpayer. They will take longer to accomplish as they will have to be done in stages. This year's budget could become a fine balancing act.

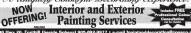
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The Fonthill Kinsmen Club recently installed its executive for the 2009-10 Kin year. From bottom left Frank Palmer treasurer, Brian Steven vice president, Brian Iggulden president, Jim Jenter secretary, Doug Hardy CF chairman. Back row from left Dave Kuckyt past president, Dave Ripley risk management, Nev Coslovich director. Tim Emmons registrar, Kevin Twomey public relations, Doug Freeland membership.



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Lauren McWilliams, right, kicks up her foot while Jason and Aaron Sviergula watch on a Pelham Fire Department pumper truck. The Fonthill firefighters had the truck at the Pelham Public Library for story time during Fire Prevention Week Thursday.

David Suzuki SCIENCE MATTERS

Copenhagen climate conference

t's amazing what world leaders can do when they come together for a common cause, as they did in Montreal in 1987 to ban CFCs to protect the ozone layer.

In December, our leaders will have a tremendous opportunity in Copenhagen to take the world into a new era of innovation and prosperity.

But, as was the case in Montreal this opportunity is born out of crisis. The threat of climate change is real and imminent. Scientists from around the world have confirmed this through continuous study and observation - despite what the increasingly desperate and nonsensical arguments from deniers would have you believe.

This is no longer a political issue

It's an issue of utmost importance to all of us, no matter where on the political spectrum we feel most comfortable. And we're finally seeing some agreement about confronting this challenge among world leaders from the left, centre and right. It's especially a conservative issue. After all, as Denmark's minister of climate and energy. Connie Hedegaard, points out, a core conservative belief is "that what you inherit you should pass on to the next generation." That doesn't mean passing on our mess.

Conservatives also believe that we should live within our means, save some of what we have for tomorrow. and act with care and caution. Conservatives with deep religious conviction know also that we are stewards of the Earth — and good stewardship means protecting the Earth, its resources and its life.

The December climate summit in Copenhagen is a crossroads. We can continue to delay while the

Earth's natural systems reach tipping points beyond which we may not be able to find our way back, or we can move forward in our efforts to slow global warming, reduce pollution, and create new opportunities for healthier lives and stronger economies.

SCIENCE MATTERS: Shortsighted approach in Canada

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Many world leaders are already committed to negotiating an agreement in Copenhagen that is ambitious, fair and binding, and many have started implementing solutions in their own countries. Unfortunately Canada is falling behind. Our national targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions have been called ineffective, and our performance at a number of recent climate meetings

has been labelled "obstructionist. Our inaction comes from fear. Because Canada is a major oil producer, politicians and some business people are afraid that reducing our reliance on fossil fuels will harm the economy. But that's short-sighted. If we continue to rely on dwindling nonrenewable energy supplies, we'll be left in the dust as the rest of the world moves forward to a green economy, with innovation, jobs and money from new technologies such as renew able energy infrastructure.

resources such as oil more wisely, we could make them last longer and derive more national economic bene fits from them while we make the transition to a clean-energy economy. The side benefits would include less pollution and environmental damage, a more stable economy and healthier

If we continue down the same road, however, we risk catastrophic consequences to our economy and to our very lives. Scientists agree that if average temperatures on Earth rise just another degree, global warming could reach a point of no return, with melting icecaps, rising sea levels, increasing waves of climate refugees, extinction of plants and animals and floods. droughts, and other severe weather

As a northern nation, Canada is particularly vulnerable to climate change. The impact is magnified near the Earth's poles, largely because of the loss of ice and snow coverage. Canada also has the longest marine coastline in the world, so sea-level rise would have a dramatic effect with enormous economic consequences.

Change is never easy, and taking bold steps can come with costs in the chart term

But refusing to change means we are condemning ourselves and our children and grandchildren to an uncertain and dangerous future.

We can all take individual action to reduce our emissions, but ultimately, we must let our leaders know that we expect them to seize the opportunity in Copenhagen to create a secure and healthy future for our small blue planet and all the people who share it.

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We all know the knock-you-off-your-feet misery of the cold and flu: aches, chills, fever, dry cough and exhaustion. And with the winter season fast approaching chances are many of us will feel it again sometime soon. Every year more than 50 million people are sickened by cold and flu

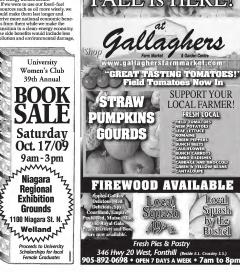
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PELHAM _ For the past 18 years, on the first Saturday of December, crowds of volunteers appear almost out of nowhere at the Fenwick and

Fontbill Lions Club balls They are ready to to take instructions from a handful of organizers

who send them out on up to 40

In vans and trucks, they spread across the urban areas of Fonthill and Fenwick for three hours to pick up bag after bag of nonperishable food left on door stoops and at the end of driveways

The food will primarily go to fill the shelves of Pelham Cares' food bank. Any surplus from the Dec. 5 collection will go to food banks at the Hope Centre, Salvation Army and Open

Arms Mission Gerry Berkhout along with Dawn Butler has organized the Pelham Community Food Drive since 1991. "I'm a worrier." he said. "Each year I wonder if we will have enough people

to do it. But every time at 8:30 Saturday morning I am surprised by the turnout.

Among the volunteers are high school students, scouts, church and youth groups as well as other service

The Kinsmen and Lions are wonder, we have so many people to praise. Some have been with us since

the beginning." He said a community service requirement for graduation has brought in more young people. For newcomers, he said, its a way to connect with the community. There are those who volunteer as individuals

"It's a great way to start the Christmas season," he said.

The food drive has grown. More routes added each year as the town's urban areas expand.

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George Kowalski picks up donated food for Pelham Cares at St. Ann Catholic School, Kowalski is one of the original members of Pelham Cares and regularly pickup donations.

FOOD DRIVE: Always first Saturday in December

Schools helping to keep food bank shelves up

For Pelham Cares, it is the major community food collection event of

"We are just the recipient, we don't organize it," said Betty Brown, Pelham Cares client services co-ordinator. But it has to be ready to receive the

items. Once again it has been given use of the former Donut Diner building on Regional Rd. 20. For the past two years, the food drive has filled the former restaurant and convenience

Volunteers will spend days sorting

They will have to check expiry dates and meet other health regulation requirements. Then they will the main office in Pelham Town

With almost two months to go to the food drive. Pelham Cares food

bank is in good shape, said Brown. NET Camp Association made a big donation when the campers cleaned out their cupboards as the camp

ground shut down for the season, she Meanwhile, the schools have food drives planned over the next few weeks to correspond to either

Thanksgiving or a lead up to Christ-Pelham Cares has seen an increase in demand for its food bank services. On its website www.pelhamcares.org has a shortage list.

are canned meat, perked coffee, cereal, tea, fruit or pudding cups for kids lunches, baby wipes and diapers,

and toiletries. The website also has contact infor mation for the food drive.

The drive also attracts support. Pelham Business Association holds its Christmas in Pelham promotion in December and encourages donations

to the drive. The Ontario Provincial Police Auxiliary will collect cash donations for Pelham Cares at the Fonthill Sobevs on Saturday at the supermarket.

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THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE





Staff and submitted photos St. Ann Catholic School students collected these boxes of food during a two week Thanksgiving food drive for Pelham Cares, French teacher Rose Zoula, back, organized the drive while some of the students who participated stand among the boxes of food collected. From left are Melanie Lachnit, Justin Laroque, Page Bonsignore, Owen Metler, Ben Bianco and Julia Klim. At right is senior kindergarden student Coleby Kaman who con tributed to the drive and wears his turkey hat, St. Ann is a small school with a big heart, said Zoula.







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A number of Pelham residents are among nominees as business leaders and for individual awards. The annual gala evening recognizes those in the com-

munity that continue to excel in their businesses, workplaces and personal lives. The Ruby Awards are named after Ruby Emily Ouaker.

who maintained a family farm with her husband Oscar on what is now known as Quaker Rd. in Welland. The dynamic woman was known for her strong work

ethic, love of life and her desire to do more. In 1889 at age 34, Ruby was instrumental in starting the Welland-Pelham Chamber of Commerce, referred to at the

time as the Board of Trade. The Ruby Awards replaces the Oscar, Eh Awards that had been part of the chamber's fall calendar for years.



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recipe I chose to make Steak and Guinness Stew is so tasty, so easy and perfect for cooler fall evenings.

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is the

Ingredients 2 lbs stewing beef, cut into 1 inch 2 then canola oil

3 onions, sliced 3 cloves garlic, minoed

1 thso butter

3 carrots, chopped 3 ribs of celery, chopped 3 parsnips, chopped 12 oz cremini mushrooms, quartered

1 large sprig of rosemary 1 can Guinness 2-3 tbso flour

3 cups beef stock 8 oz aged, white cheddar, grated

kosher salt and pepper to taste 2 medium heads of celery root

2 large sweet potatoes 1/4 cup butter

Method Preheat oven to 350 degrees

Heat oil over high heat in a medium sized dutch oven. Season beef well with salt and pepper. Once oil is hot, add beef and cook, stirring often until you have attained a deep chestnut flavour. A lot of juices will come out of the beef, this is normal. Once browned, remove beef and ALL juices and set aside in a medium sized bowl

heat. Once foaming add onion and saute unti-golden and soft, 3-5 minutes, Add garlic and cook for one minute. Add carrots, celery and parsnips and continue stirring and cooking until vegetables have browned nicely. Keep an eye on your heat, turning down if it getting too brown. You may also need to add a bit of oil. Add mush rooms and cook for 2 minutes. Add cooked beef and juices to the vegetables and stir well. Sprinkle with flour Stir well and cook flour out for about 1 minute. Add can of Guinness slowly while stirring. Top with enough beef stock, that beef is NOT entirely covered. Add rosemary sprig.

Place, covered, in oven for 21/2 hours. While the stew is cooking, heat up a pot with 6 cups vegetable stock. Peel sweet potatoes and celery root. and chop into even sized cubes. Salt water and simmer cubed vegetables until very tender. Drain, add butter and mash until all lumps are

> Once stew has finished cooking, sprinkle in cheddar cheese and stir to combine. Rehea mashed vegetables and place on top of the stew. Place under the broiler until golden, about 4 minutes. Keep a close eye on the oller, so it doesn't catch and burn

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■ BOWLING: Twenty years apart for 50-year bowler

Second time a perfect game

JOHN VESSOYAN Tribune Staff

WELLAND - Tony Silvestri knows what it's like to be perfect. The Fonthill man has

been bowling for 50 years and has shaken hands with perfection twice both coming in Welland where he was born and raised. Silvestri, 72, threw bis

first ever perfect game in bowling 20 years ago on Nov. 30. That happens to be his birthday.

His second perfect score didn't come on his lucky day, but he still feels extremely lucky

about it Bowling at Bowl-O-Rama on Oct. 1, he repeated his performance from Nov. 30, 1989 and scored his second perfect game of his life

It seemed to happen fast, he says, bowling on that Thursday afternoon earlier this month. The balls were flying and the pins were falling, and all of a sudden, he was flirting with

perfection. By the ninth frame in 10-pin, Silvestri knew something special was hap-pening. He realized how close he was to another unforgettable day.

But he wasn't nervous. "A couple of beers and I was calm." he sold

Once he accomplished the feat, he didn't jump for joy, but be was happy nonetheless. "It's hard to do. You have to be on



JOHN VESSOYAN Staff Photo

Tony Silvestri of Fonthill bowled the second perfect game of his career earlier this month.

your game, I concentrate on where I want to throw the ball. Timing has to

"A lot of it's luck. I got lucky, that's all I can say. But, as they say, you have to be good to be lucky. And there's one man who isn't surprised of Silvestri's mas-

terpiece. "He's good — one of the better bowlers," said Bowl-O-Rama's Bill

Miller. "He has the ability, he's bowled for-

Miller also loves seeing a bowler hit strike after strike at the local club. "It's good, it tells us the lanes are good, it tells us the scoring conditions

are good," he explained.

pastime

Silvestri picked up the bowling ball five decades ago at a local church league where they would play fivepin. He hasn't put the ball down since. Silvestri, who is also an avid golfer, said he enjoys the physical and mental exercise bowling offers. "It's a social thing," he said. "It's a

He would love to get a hole-in-one in golf - it's something he hasn't been lucky enough to achieve. He also hasn't ruled out throwing

another perfect game. "You never know," he said.

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Novice Rep team out battles St. Catharines

For PolhamNEWS

The Tim Horton's Pelham Novice Rep Hockey Team defeated the St. Catharines Warriors 5-2.

The Pelham team jumped out to a 3-0 first-period lead. Defenseman Connor Adams lead pass propelled Josh Glen in to bury the first goal of the game, Joey Natale sent Connor Walton in alone to notch the second Goalie Evan Macpherson stopped a

Warriors breakaway and watched as Walton raced up ice to score his second goal of the game assisted by Max Blanchard and Garrett Jackson. St. Catharines scored the only two

goals of the second period but Pelham answered with two more goals in the third period to secure the victory Josh Glen fired both goals to com-

plete the hat trick with assists credited to Ethan Mergl and Jackson. Goalie Nicolas Yioldassis blanked the Warriors in the third period.

■ BASKETBALL

Crossley playing in Tribune Girls tourney

JOHN VESSOYAN

Tribune Staff It never used to be like this.

There was a time when organizers of The Tribune Girls Basketball Tournament had to try to convince schools to sign up for the tournament, which is held every October in different schools in South Niagara.

They would need to throw a sales pitch at them and explain the benefits of engaging in the festivities

But all of that has changed, and it's good news for coconveners Sandy Bibeau and Rita Ventresca-Root, Now there are some teams on the outside looking in.

"We've got a waiting list now, It's building and building," Bibeau said, as the organizing committee prepared for tip off on Wednesday. The tournament is getting more popular

year after year, and more and more teams from Niagara region are wanting entry We've developed a following," she said. Sixteen teams are competing in this year's tournament. They are: Notre Dame, Eastdale, Denis Morris, Port High, E.L. Crosslev, Ridley College, Lakesbore Catholic, Westlane,

Eden, Centennial, St. Francis, Stamford, Confederation, A.N. Myer, Saint Paul and Jean Vanier. Saint Paul from Niagara Falls is the defending champion. They beat Notre Dame in last year's final. Bibeau believes fans are going to see fine basketball during the touranment. Eastdale, Notre Dame, Centennial, Confederation and

for the first time E.L. Crossley are the host schools. The semifinals and finals will be played at Notre Dame. Last year the finals took place at Eastdale.

Bibeau and Ventresca-Root were excited that the Pelham high school hosted games on Wednesday and Thursday.



BALL'S FALLS: 35th annual Thanksgiving Festival

Funds raised support 30 NPCA sites

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Cam Layers travelled in from Erin. Ont., to sell pepper mills made from naturally-fallen tree branches. He said the combination of Thanksgiving meals and conservation-minded visitors put his product in the limelight. Lavers said he was on a waiting list

to attend the festival and got a lastminute call to exhibit. "There are a lot of high-end (vendors) here that I see at other shows,"

he said. "This is my first time here." Shari Woods travelled from St. Jacobs to display her costumes in time for Halloween

"It's been good today," the owner of Dreampower said.

Vern Hinz was visiting Ball's Falls Saturday from Hamilton, He was once among the artisans who flog their wares on Thanksgiving weekend, but these days he is happy just to be a On Saturday, he had 14 different birds

"There is something new every year," he said." The weather is everything.

For many, the trip to Ball's Falls was all about spending time outdoors with the family and taking in all the historical exhibits set up to educate and entertain park visitors.

Jeff Tweedy brought his family from Grimsby to experience all the festival had to offer. He and his wife were taking pictures of their children at one of the many autumn displays.

"The kids like to see the tractors. For me, it's just being outdoors. It's a beautiful day. It's all good."

A favourite attraction was the bird exhibit presented by Sky Hunters. Dave Gibson has been bringing his birds of prey to the Ball's Falls Thanksgiving Festival for the past 18 years.

of prey exhibited and park visitors had an opportunity to get within a few feet of golden eagles and other high-flyers. Gibson said his goal is to promote conservation and education.

John Sharp attended the festival as a member of the 4th Lincoln Militia. He was there partly to share some of his knowledge of the War of 1812. Throughout the day, he spoke with visitors and worked on reproducing uniforms and clothing from the bygone era. The 1812 Legacy Council was also on site to promote the bicentennial celebration of the War of 1812. Hayward said the money raised over the holiday weekend goes to support the 30 sites operated by the NPCA, most of which are free for the

public to use throughout the year.

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Thousands of people pass through Ball's Falls looking for crafts on Thanksgiving weekend. The Thanksgiving festival has been taking place for the past 35 years and is a major fundraiser for the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority.

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POLICE: Tips lead to arrest of two suspects in thefts from cars

Pelham NEWs Staff

North Pelham residents tipped off police to suspects entering parked cars in the Wessel Drive and Sixteen Rd. area early

Sunday morning. As a result two 19-year-olds, Jeremy Fyfe Jouppien and Stephan Leo Botsford have been charged with seven counts of possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000

Botsford was also charged with theft of a

motor vehicle \$5,000.

Area residents observed suspects entering parked vehicles and removing items from those vehicles. The same suspects attempted to steal a SUV vehicle from one of the residents, but were unsuccessful, police said. Members of the Niagara Regional Police

3 District Uniform Branch flooded the area and searched for the suspects. "As a result of a quick response two

males were apprehended in their own motor vehicle attempting to leave the area with a large quantity of stolen property," police said.

Detectives from the Central Region Detective Services Unit continued the investigation and charged the suspects for thefts from vehicles throughout the Niagara Region including Pelham, St.Catharines and West Lincoln. Police said they recovered several thou-

sands of dollars of stolen property and were able to return most of the property to their owners.

Anyone with information about these thefts are to contact the Central Region Detective Services Unit at 905-688-4111

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artists to explain the technique.

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In the Orchard Programming for the Arts is holding a workshop 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday for local

Executive director Angle Geiss explain the technique of building a frame and covering it with recycled material to create the weather proof medium.

The two day workshop will be held at The Happy Place Art Studio, 1433 Pelham St. in Fonthill. For fees and infor-

mation call 905-892-1709. The workshop is the start of a series of programs by the non-pofit organization to stimulate a mix of art and environmental awareness.

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